

RELATIVE SENTENCES: EXERCISES

1.- Fill in the blank spaces using who/whom/which

- 1- They had a terrible cook _____ used to burn all the food.
- 2- There was one other thing _____ surprised me.
- 3- I met someone _____ said he knew you.
- 4- There was one other person _____ surprised me.
- 5- The people _____ live next door are very friendly.
- 6- I'd never met anyone _____ talked so much.
- 7- I've never met anyone to _____ I could talk so freely.
- 8- The girl with _____ I shared the apartment was a musician.
- 9- The bar from _____ I phoned was very noisy.
- 10- The one with _____ he fell in love was the Ferrari.

2.- Write commas when necessary

- 1- Not all the people who reach the age of ninety are vegetarians.
- 2- My grandfather who died at the age of ninety was a vegetarian.
- 3- People who did not have a visa were not allowed into the country.
- 4- His assistant with whom he shares the small office goes out for lunch at 12.
- 5- My parents who did not have a visa were not allowed into the country.
- 6- The assistant with whom he shares the small office goes out for lunch at 12.
- 7- I'd rather give it to someone who really needs it.
- 8- The hall was empty and so was the room which I could see through the door.
- 9- I'd rather give it to John who really needs it.
- 10- The hall was empty and so was his room which I could see through the door.

3.- Link these sentences using a relative pronoun when necessary

- 1- I met a girl; her name was Greta
- 2- Ann's parents are in hospital; Ann is staying with us
- 3- I once had a dog; its eyes were large and round
- 4- It was a wonderful day; I'll never forget that day
- 5- You will see a man; you must not speak to him.
- 6- I met a Frenchman; his English was terrible.
- 7- He wore a grey suit; the suit had seen better days.
- 8- You're looking at a house; it belongs to Jones.
- 9- Tom's friends are willing to help; we have already talked to them.
- 10- I gave him ten dollars; it was more than he expected.
- 11- I sent you a postcard from Venice; Did you receive it?
- 12- John had already seen the film; John insisted on going to the theatre.
- 13- Two boys were playing with a ball; they broke several windows.
- 14- You sent me some flowers; thank you very much for the flowers.

- 15- A man asked to see you; I can't remember his name.
- 16- The smaller children fell asleep; they had to be carried off to bed.

4.- Write a relative pronoun only when necessary

- 1- She had sold everything _____ she could sell.
- 2- You must follow the directions _____ I'm giving you.
- 3- An American friend _____ was with us asked some questions.
- 4- Peter, _____ is a magnificent musician, is here with us.
- 5- We know most of the people _____ live in our street.
- 6- The car, _____ was second hand, took us all the way to Paris.
- 7- Is that the train _____ will take us to Denmark?
- 8- He is working hard, _____ is very good.
- 9- I was glad to hear her answers, some of _____ surprised me.
- 10- Brenhouse, _____ was extremely thin, came from London.
- 11- Some of the people _____ I met were very interesting.
- 12- Gretchen was the only tennis player _____ won a trophy.
- 13- He glanced at the girl _____ hand he was holding.
- 14- It was the saddest story _____ I had ever heard.
- 15- You're the only vegetarian _____ I know _____ smokes.
- 16- It was about eight in the morning, _____ is the time I usually get up.
- 17- The hotel _____ we stayed did not have a swimming-pool.
- 18- The hotel _____ we stayed at was near the sea.
- 19- Those are the curtains _____ need to be washed.
- 20- Harry, _____ you've just met, is the owner of this pub.
- 21- The people _____ we met had just returned from Spain.
- 22- She told me to go back home, _____ I did.
- 23- They made this house all by themselves, _____ is unbelievable.
- 24- We didn't see Mary, _____ was in Italy at the time.
- 25- The woman _____ son I know is Mrs Brown.
- 26- The one _____ I normally use is the white one.
- 27- This one, _____ I never use, is black, as you can see.
- 28- It was the most beautiful story _____ I had ever heard.
- 29- She wore her brother's coat, _____ was too large for her.
- 30- Brodsky was the dissident _____ had written nice poems in prison.
- 31- He believes in nothing, _____ is why he is so ignorant.
- 32- She had been on television with her husband, _____ was also her manager.
- 33- She began telling me about someone _____ she had found in the house.
- 34- I have a spare pair of boots _____ I can lend you.
- 35- Is it the blue one _____ you want?
- 36- I'd rather see the face of the person _____ I'm

talking to.

37- They believe in ghosts, _____ is ridiculous.

5.- Translate into English

1- Esa es la chica que conocí en la fiesta (meet)

2- No encuentro el libro que me prestaste (find/lend)

3- Me gustó la película que vi ayer (like/film)

4- ¿Por qué no te pones la chaqueta que te regalé?
(wear/give)

5- Ese es el hotel donde nos quedamos (stay)

6- El cuadro que compraste es muy bonito (picture)

7- No recuerdo el día que te invité (remember/invite)

8- Enséñame el dibujo que has pintado (show/drawing)

9- ¿Te gusta la música que estoy escuchando? (listen to)

10- Ese es el parque donde juegan mis hijos (children)

6.- Write correct relative sentences with this information

1. This is the woman. She gave me my first job.
2. He picked up the book. It was on the desk.
3. The meal was delicious. Ben cooked it.
4. She's the woman. She telephoned the police.
5. He's the person. He wanted to buy your house.
6. We threw out the computer. It never worked properly.
7. This is the lion. It's been ill recently.
8. The man was badly injured. He was driving the car.
9. The children broke my window. They live in the next street.
10. They sold the cat. It was afraid of mice.
11. This is the chair. My parents gave it to me.
12. I've applied for the job. You told me about it.
13. We're looking for the ball. We were playing with it.
14. The man was holding the gun. We saw him.
15. I'm going to speak to the mechanic. He repaired my car.
16. The TV programme was very sad. I watched it last night.
17. The girl had red hair. I saw her.
18. That's the woman. I was telling you about her.
19. I didn't like the match. We saw it on TV
20. He dreamt about an actress. The actress was J. López
21. They gave me the money. They owed me some money.
22. I sent you an email. Did you receive it?
23. John's sister is a policewoman. She is very strong
24. We left the key in the hotel. We spent the night in the hotel

25. You didn't come yesterday. I want to know the reason

26. I explained the sentence to you. You didn't understand it.

27. The man stole your bike. I saw the man on the bus.

28. Susan travelled to London. Susan is my best friend.

29. I saw Roger. His wife owns the Top Shop

30. I met Susan. She works on Electrobite

31. The man didn't come. The man invited you to the party

32. Roger Craig is an actor. She was talking about him

33. The car was stolen. He bought the car from Richard Hunter

34. Did you go into the shop? The shop sells dresses

35. Richard is my cousin. I play golf with Richard

36. I can't find the key. You took the key this morning

37. I entered the room. The door of the room was broken

38. I don't know the hotel. You stayed in that hotel

39. The students were late. They were expelled from class.

40. I met Richard. His son was a friend of mine.

7.- Find the right explanation for each of these words

Examples: A butcher is someone who sells meat

Oars are things you use to row a boat

A target is something you try to hit

Gloves	He/She sells fruit and vegetables
Socks	It heats water for tea
A briefcase	You wear them on your feet
A greengrocer	You carry papers in it
A present	You give it to someone
A kettle	It keeps the rain off you
A stamp	You can see yourself in it
An artist	You sit on it
A seat	You wash your hands with it
An umbrella	He/She paints pictures
A mirror	You put it on a letter
Soap	You wear them on your hands